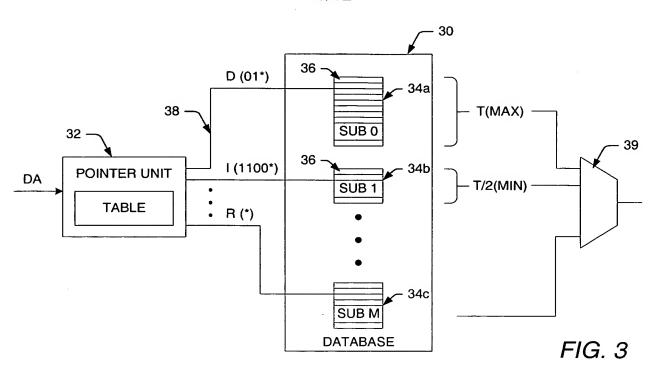


FIG. 2



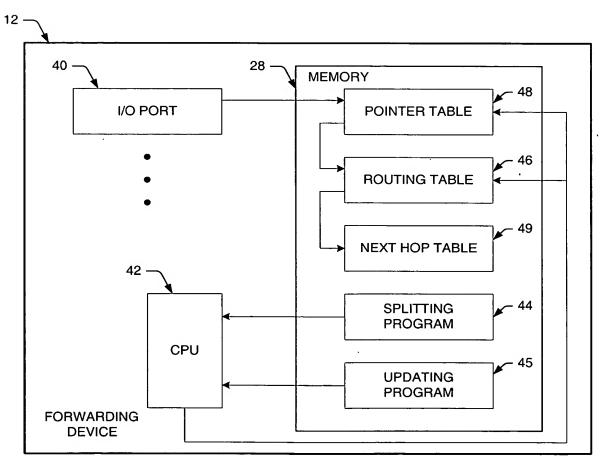


FIG. 4

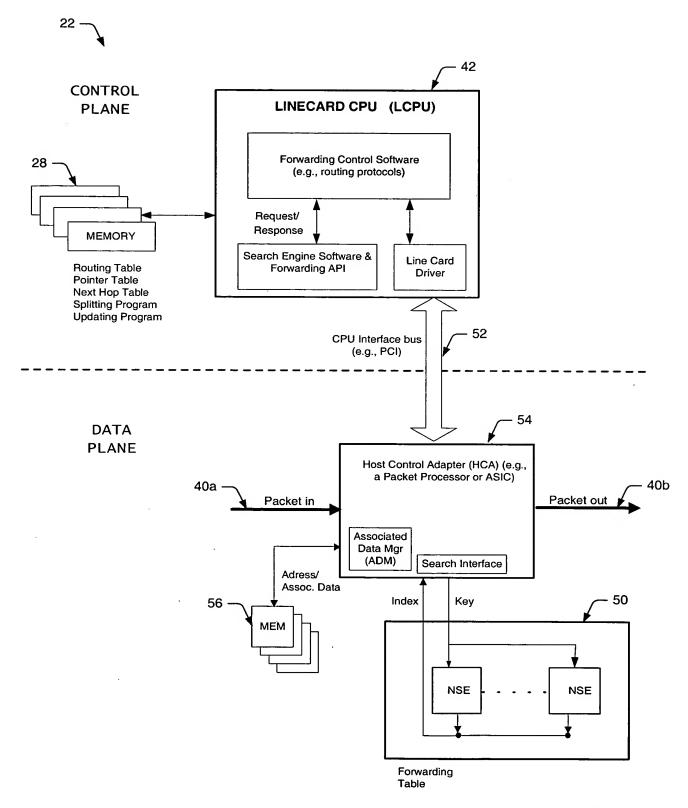


FIG. 5

4/12 STATIC SPLIT MERGE (SSM) ALGORITHM

T=50; N=300; Ns=7

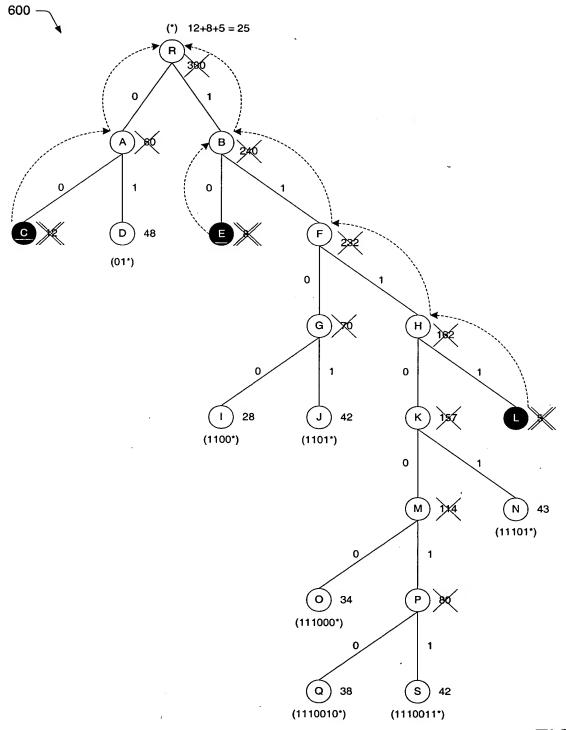


FIG. 6

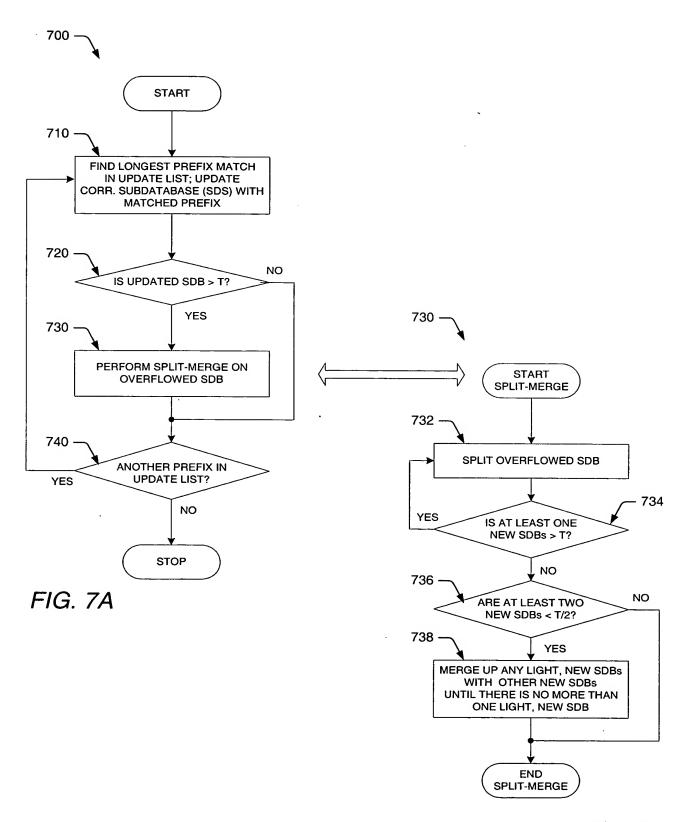


FIG. 7B

6/12 BASIC INCREMENTAL SPLIT MERGE (BISM) ALGORITHM T=50; N=300; Ns=9

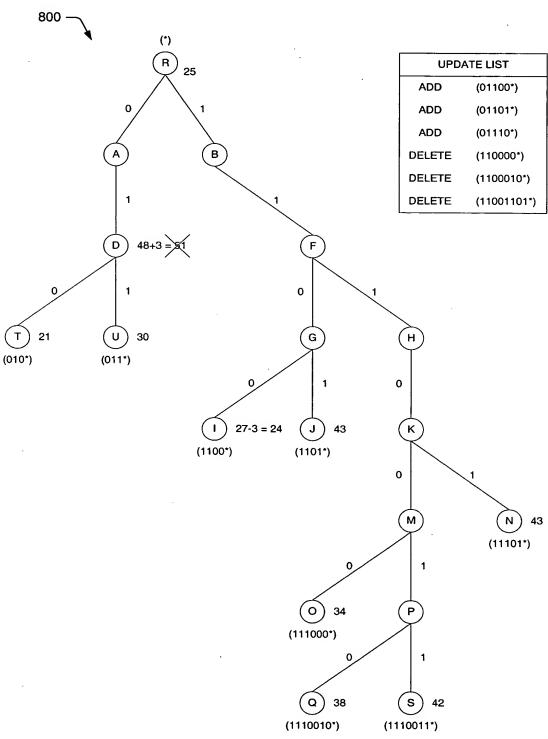
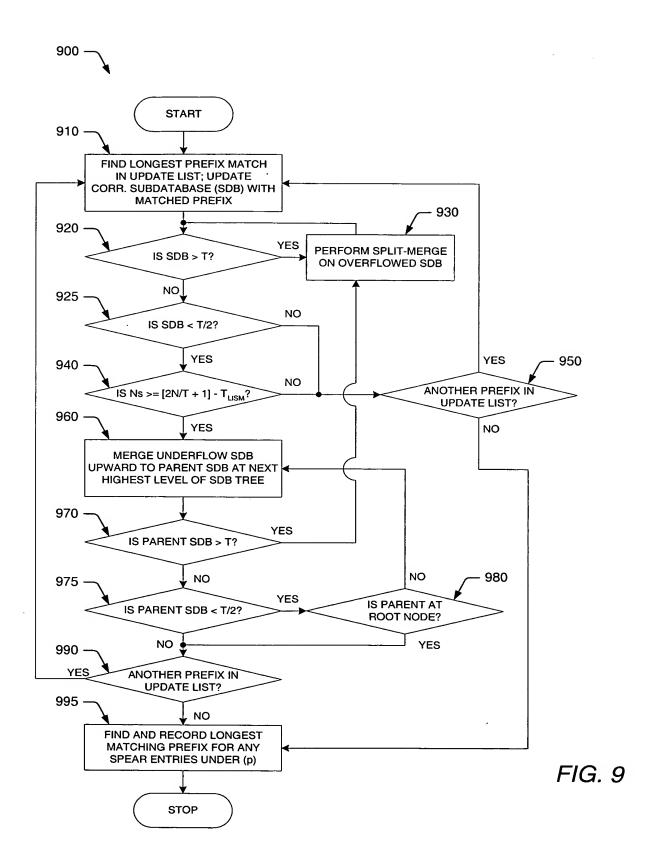


FIG. 8



 $\it 8/12$ LAZY INCREMENTAL SPLIT MERGE (LISM) ALGORITHM

T=50; N=300; Tm=4; (2N/T)+1=13; Ns=8

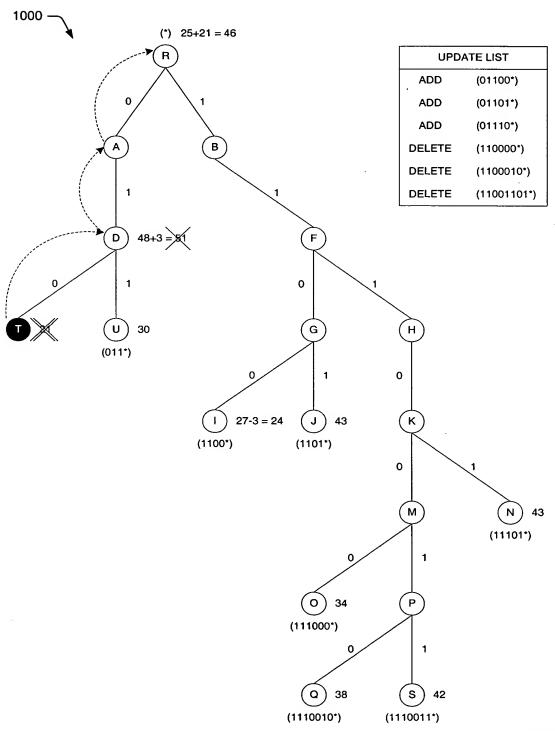


FIG. 10

9/12 LAZY INCREMENTAL SPLIT MERGE (LISM) ALGORITHM

T=50; N=300; Tm=5; (2N/T)+1=13; Ns=8

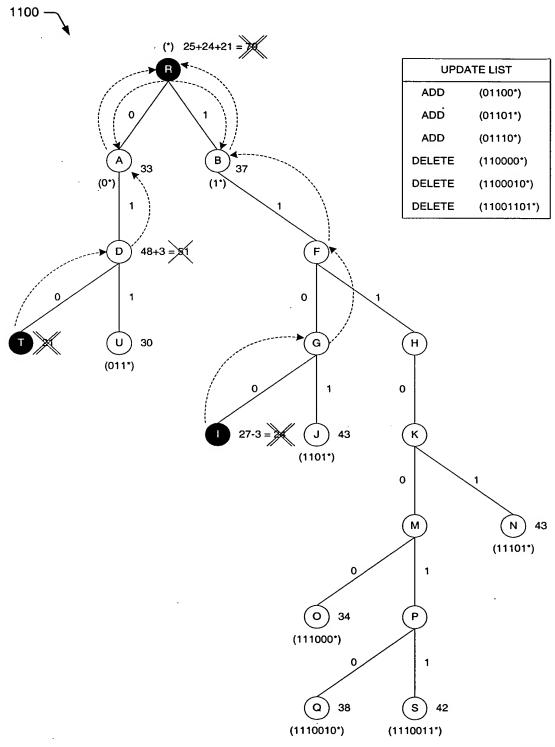
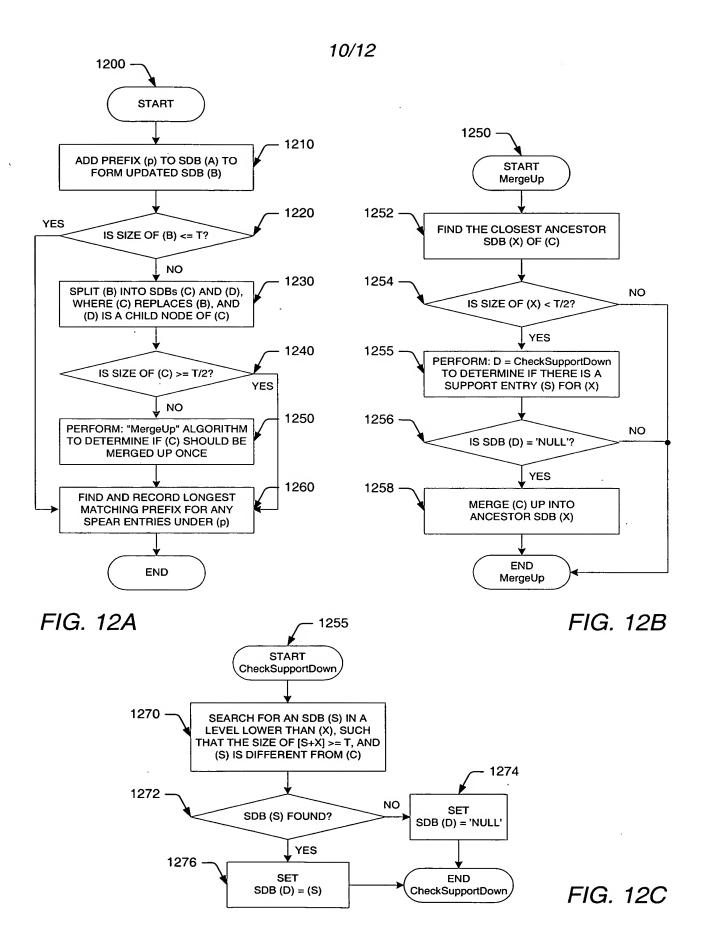
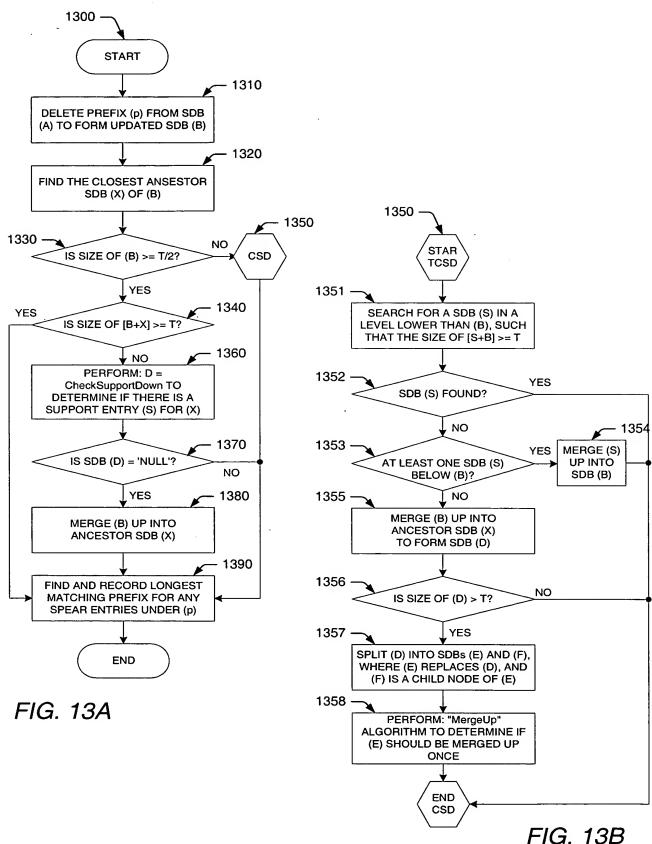


FIG. 11





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INCREMENTAL DOWN-SUPPORT SPLIT MERGE (DSM) ALGORITHM
T=50; N=300; (2N/T)+1=13; Ns=8

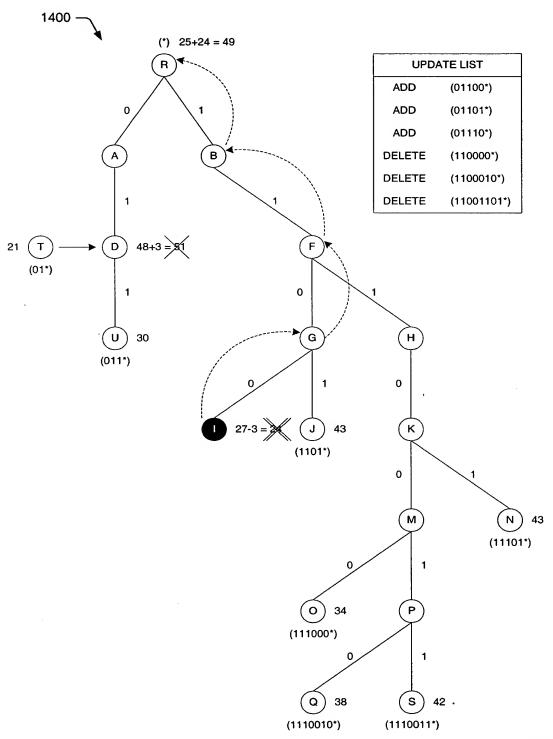


FIG. 14